

# PARIS AUTOMOBILISTS DISCUSS CHARGES AGAINST CHAUFFEURS

## LEVY COMMISSIONS BY USING SAND

Herald Correspondent Says Chauffeurs Exact Tribute from Automobile Dealers and Agents.

### MUST PAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Failure to Comply with Their Demands, Says "Rubberneck," Causes Car to Mysteriously Break Down.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
Paris, Saturday.—A correspondent writes to the Herald, over the signature "Rubberneck," calling the attention of automobile purchasers, especially wealthy Americans, to the practices of professional chauffeurs acting as intermediaries, secretly or openly, between the buyers and the automobile agents, and always on the lookout for a commission.

"Rubberneck" says:—"The purchaser complains that the agents' terms are high, but does not know that between the agent and himself stands the chauffeur, with one hand outstretched and in the other the sand box; yes, gentlemen, the sand box."

"If a decent commission is forthcoming the sand is not made use of; if not, the sand is secretly mixed with the oil, or with the essence, just to clarify it, you know. In the latter case the carburetor refuses to discharge its function, the car breaks down at a distance from any town and all the chauffeur's efforts to start it again prove fruitless."

"The owner then writes in great wrath to the agent, says he has been done brown on both sides, and there is no pay. Another trick is to loosen the bolts fastening the carriage work to the chassis, thus raising doubts in the owner's mind as to the workmanship supplied by the coach builder, or to mix essence with the water used for washing the carriage work, with the result that the varnish is completely dulled after a few applications."

Interviews with local agents and dealers disclose divergent opinion. The majority admit the general truth of the charges, though not all attach the entire blame to the chauffeur. They say that the conditions prevailing in the automobile trade are different from all others and that the alleged knavish practices are the outcome of the system.

The consensus seems to be that commissions to the chauffeurs are almost universal, consequently the chauffeurs are more or less content with their lot, and as the result of wilful damage to the mechanism is the exception, and not the rule, no one considers the position seriously. But it would be difficult to change it, as there is an admitted lack of unity among the dealers, and so long as the average customer is ignorant of mechanics so long will the professional chauffeur hold the upper hand.

The automobile dealers are finding the Avenue de la Grande Armée quarter too crowded, and are looking for other favorable locations. Moreover, shrewd agents are discovering that the neighborhood of the big central hotels and business houses is possibly even better than the time honored automobile row of the Porte Maillot district, thus forcing many of the new automobile shops recently opened in the Place Vendôme and the Rue de la Paix quarter.

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## HERALD GOLF CUP ATTRACTS PLAYERS

Mr. A. J. Stanley Wins the Trophy at Cannes, Competing with Twenty-Nine Players.

[From the European Edition of the Herald.]  
Cannes.—The Herald Cup was played for at the Golf Club to-day by twenty-nine members and won by Mr. A. J. Stanley with the score of 82 minus 2 equals 80. Mr. A. E. Hedstrom and Mr. C. May Massey tied for second place, each scoring 83 net. General Paget was next, with 84 net. Also played:—Mr. S. P. Ryland, Mr. C. A. Palmer, Mr. E. H. Topham, Mr. H. Bacon, Mr. F. E. Zerrahn, Mr. M. Van Buren, Mr. P. Hatchard, Mr. E. C. Phillips, Mr. Charles Davis, Jr., Mr. J. Magee, Major Clayton, Mr. W. V. Eaves, Major Hobbs.

A sweepstakes for women was played for simultaneously and this was won by Mrs. J. Harvey with 83 minus 5 equals 78. Mrs. Hornby was second with 79 net, and Mrs. Topham tied for third place with Mrs. Pease, both scoring 80 net. Also played:—Miss Van Buren, Miss E. Green, Mrs. Hedstrom and three others.

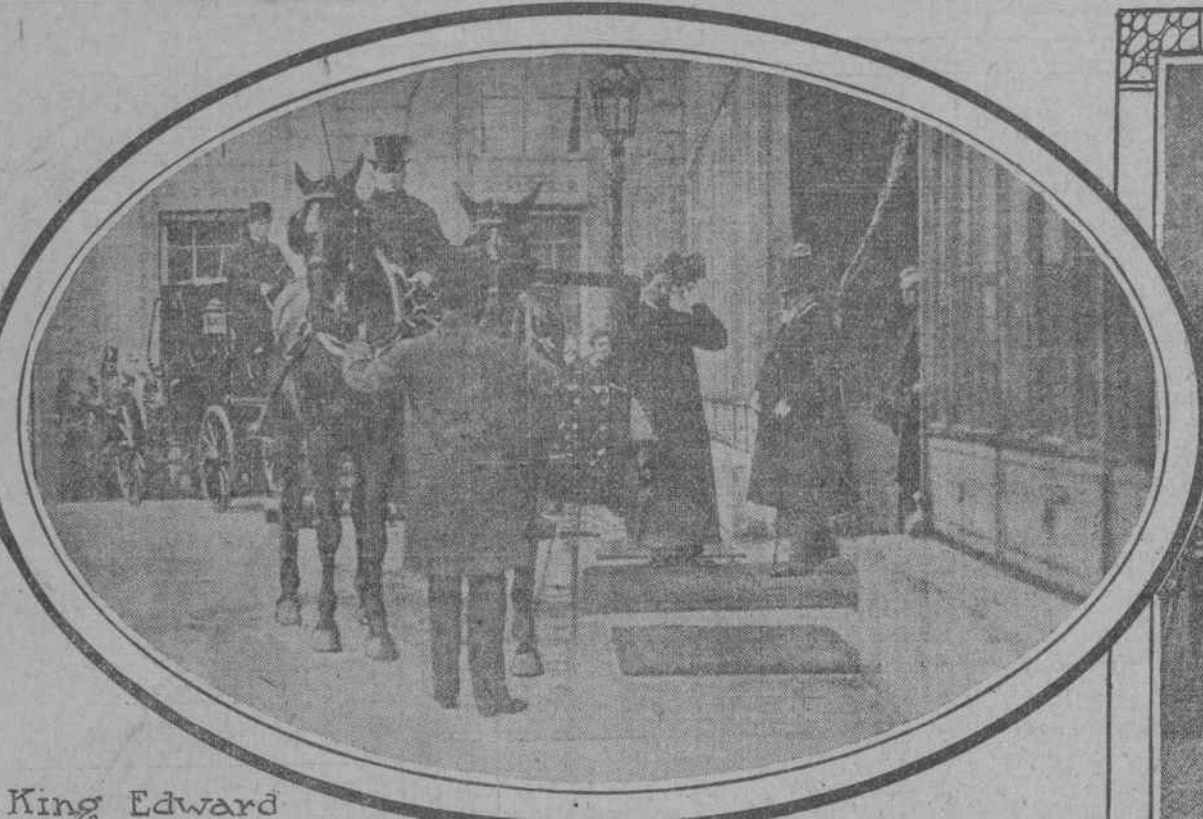
Last evening there were little dinner parties all over the place, and afterward most of the great world went to the Cercle Nautique to hear Mr. J. de la Vaux and Mlle. Marguerite Baré play "Le Dilemme." Mlle. Lucie Cohen this afternoon gave a concert at the Hotel du Paradis and manager Vay de Vay had a few friends to take tea with him at the Hotel du Pavillon. Among them were Countess Gaston Chandon de Brailles, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, M. Henri Chabert, M. Jean du Breuil de Saint Germain, M. Antoine de Geoffroy and M. Georges Henri Manuël. Prince Sergius Gallitzin has returned from Paris to La Forêt. Prince Alexis Dolgourouky, Captain R. Marshall, Comtesse de Charville, Mr. E. Dyer Hubbard, Mr. C. Johnson and Comte de Blacas have arrived.

The Grand Duke Vladimir is expected here next week.

The Grand Duke Michael Mikhaïlovich and Countess Torby left this afternoon for Montreux to pass a week with Countess Mensberg and Countess Adla Morgenberg, who have been throughout the winter there.

The funeral of M. André de Colbert took place to-day at Le Cimetière du Lac. The chief mourners were Mme. de Colbert, Comte and Comtesse de Colbert, the two brothers of the deceased and their wives, and Comte and Vicomte Amélie de la Roussillière. The Marquis de Colbert went on from Cannes, besides several intimate friends of the deceased, including Baron and Baronne François Baude, Baron Georges Baude, M. and Mme. Jean Saint-Victor, Colonel de Berry and Comte Jean de Fleuriel.

SCENES IN KING EDWARD'S TOUR IN FRANCE, WHERE HE TRAVELS AS THE DUKE OF LANCASTER.



King Edward Leaving The Elysee Palace.

## CHAUFFEUR SLEW HIS EMPLOYER

Startling Murder of a Manufacturer Shocked Paris and Baffled the Police for a Week.

### BY THRUSTS OF SWORD CANE

Assassin Made Free with Money Stolen from Safe, Leading to Arrest and Confession.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
Paris, Saturday.—One of the most startling murder mysteries of recent years, which has kept Paris breathless for a week, has just been solved.

M. Bédor, a leather goods manufacturer, having a house and factory in the Rue Saint Maur, went on March 13 from his apartment to his office after dinner to write letters. At half-past nine o'clock the concierge heard a heavy fall, followed by a crash of broken glass, and aroused a coachman who lives on the premises. Both proceeded to investigate the cause. All the exits of the building were locked.

They had just begun their search when they heard the street door slam, rushed out another door and saw the figure of a man disappearing. They returned, and found the body of M. Bédor lying at the foot of the stairs, run through twice with a sword. Beside him was a broken glass lamp shade, but the lamp itself was found on the table of the office, showing that the murderer had returned there after the crime.

In the office was a large, ferocious dog which would fly at any stranger. It had not even barked, thus showing that the criminal was some one it knew. The safe was locked, and a large sum of money, a gold watch and his keys were found in the pockets of the murdered man, which seemed to exclude robbery as a motive. With M. Bédor lived an unmarried brother who had been three times in a lunatic asylum; a wife twenty years younger than himself, and a servant girl. The latter discovered that her keys to the street door had been taken from a nail in the kitchen.

Police at first suspected some love affair or revenge as the motive of the crime. The wife, brother, servant and partner of M. Bédor were in turn suspected and closely questioned, but the mystery only grew deeper.

But the fashion in which M. Bédor's chauffeur, named Mathieu, was throwing money about excited suspicion on Saturday last. Examination of the books showed there should have been several thousand francs in the safe. Mathieu was arrested, and confessed his guilt. He had concealed himself in the workshop and killed M. Bédor with the latter's own sword cane, which he then wiped and replaced. He took the keys, opened the safe and then replaced the keys in the pocket of the dead man, took the house keys from the kitchen and fled.

### ARRIVALS IN FLORENCE.

Lord Rosebery and Mr. J. P. Morgan Among Recent Visitors.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
Florence, Saturday.—Florentines are basking in summer weather. Women are wearing light dresses and straw hats. Among recent visitors have been Lord Rosebery and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parker, who will soon leave for New York. Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has been here at the Hotel de la Ville for several days, but has now left for Innsbruck.

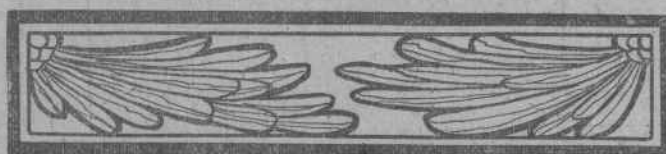
### TENNIS AT NICE.

Mr. H. L. Doherty and Miss Toupie Lowther Win Laurels.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
Nice, Saturday.—Features of the tennis tournament here have been the victories of Mr. H. L. Doherty and Miss Toupie Lowther. Mr. Doherty's success, of course, was practically admitted in advance. Mr. Doherty and Mme. Popp beat Mr. A. W. Gore and Miss Lowther in runaway style in the doubles. Mr. A. C. Bostwick won the third prize in the handicap singles.

### Editor Apologizes.

[From the European Edition of the Herald.]  
London.—The motion to commit the editor of the National Review for contempt of court in respect of an article written by "A Practising Barrister," in which an attack was made on Lord Justice Moulton, came before the Appeal Court. The editor, however, apologized for the statements made in the article, for which he was not personally responsible, and the matter ended.



L'Hotel du Palais, where King Edward is staying at Biarritz.

## Berlin Society Flocks to See First Polo Game at Carlshorst

Ponies Used in the Match Are English, and Mr. Herbert Rich Comes Especially from England to Give the Benefit of His Experience.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
Berlin, Saturday.—The first game of polo ever played in this vicinity took place near Carlshorst. A big crowd went from the city in automobiles. The ponies were brought from England and the ground placed at the players' disposal by the big Carlshorst Racing Club is picturesquely situated.

Mr. Herbert Rich came from England to give the Polo Club the benefit of his knowledge and experience. The game was with the Hamburg team, which won, though Berlin made a good showing. The entire distance of 325 miles from St. Cloud covered in thirteen hours.

## ROME HEARS OF TWO ENGAGEMENTS

Baron Riedl de Riedenau to Miss Magee and Count Carlo Dentice to Miss G. Wilde.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
Rome, Saturday.—The engagement has been officially announced of Baron Riedl de Riedenau to Miss Magee. The wedding will take place in June in Pittsburgh. Miss Magee is handsome and tall, with a beautiful figure, and is always dressed to perfection.

Another wedding which will take place quite soon is that of Count Carlo Dentice to Miss G. Wilde. His fiancée has left for Paris to get her trousseau. The wedding is announced for April, in London, where the bride's mother, Mrs. Eichel, has many friends. The young couple will reside principally in Rome and at the Count Dentice's country estate, San Vito.

## BALLOON TRIPS OF COMTE DE LA VAUX

Rather a "Lazy" Voyage in a Light Wind from St. Cloud to Mont Saint-Michel.

[From the European Edition of the Herald.]  
As already stated in the HERALD, Comte Henry de la Vaux set off for another of his pleasant little balloon trips in splendid weather. If the sea were a trifle further away from Paris than it is, or the wind had been a point or two different, this pleasure trip might have turned out to be a record one so far as the length of time in the air is concerned.

"As it was," said M. de la Vaux to me yesterday, "we remained in the air only twenty-one hours. We came down at Mont Saint-Michel on Sunday at a quarter past two in the afternoon, having left St. Cloud at a quarter past five on Saturday evening. There was scarcely any wind all night and, after spending fifteen hours in the air we were only as far away as the town of Le Mans. The balance of the balloon in the air was perfect. On the entire journey we only expended 280 kilos of ballast. We had still 220 kilos left when we came down. Our altitude above the earth was never greater than 2,000 metres, while



The King greeting the new President M. Fallières.

## INDEPENDENTS' ART EXHIBITION

Medley of Striking and Inharmonious Colors Amuses, Astonishes and Appeals Spectators.

MR. VANDERWEYDEN'S SHOW American Artist, Whose Work is Yearly Growing Stronger, Exhibits Sixty Canvases.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
Paris, Saturday.—The annual exhibition of the Société des Artistes Indépendants is now open. Vanishing day was last Tuesday. The exhibition comprises 550 pictures, as much as the two old salons combined at last year's shows.

It amuses, astonishes and even appeals with its kaleidoscopic good and bad features, largely bad. The medley of striking and inharmonious colors is almost blinding. Nude women are represented in nearly all the colors of the rainbow. Mr. Harry Vanderweyden, an American painter, who lives at Monceuil, near Boulogne, is now holding the second exhibition of his paintings in Paris. About sixty canvases are on view. He had the same number last year, this fact attesting his indefatigability, while, as for quality, the critics have only highest praise. His subjects are largely ordinary scenes, such as a water mill, moonrise, a garden scene and sheep in pasture. M. Georges Bai says Mr. Vanderweyden's work is growing stronger yearly.

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## PARIS CARNIVAL SPIRIT IS DYING

Hooting Mob Follows Girls Attired as Ballet Dancers in Mi-Careme Festivities.

### WEATHER IS UNPROFITIOUS

Cavalcade Is Gorgeous, with Special Floats for Queens of the City Markets.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
Paris, Saturday.—After a few idyllic days the weather took a sudden change for the worse, and Thursday, which was Mi-Careme, was altogether wintry. The boulevards were crowded, however, with maskers and merry-makers.

As a sample of how the old time spirit has dwindled, I saw three damsels, attired as ballet dancers, near the Grand Hotel, followed by a mob of a couple of hundred men and boys, hooting the absence of their lower garments. The cavalcade was really gorgeous, though, with special floats for the queens of the various Paris markets and their sister sovereigns from Rome and Madrid.

The European edition of the Herald, in addition to its full cable service daily, publishes supplements with the arrival of every mail, containing an epitome of the news from all parts of the Union.

### PARIS HORSE SHOW OPEN.

Society Faithful as Ever to the Aristocratic Function.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]  
Paris, Saturday.—The annual horse show, locally known as the Concours Hippique, opened in the Grand Palais on Wednesday. There were 400 horses entered. The programme includes the usual list of events. Society is as faithful as ever to this aristocratic function. The first jumping contests will take place to-morrow.

## TALKS ON TEETH

BY G. GORDON MARTIN, M. D., D. D. S.

### "False Teeth."

"False Teeth," so called, are better than no teeth at all, but that is about all that can be said for them.

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And the purpose of these talks is to tell them about this—the most remarkable of all the discoveries in the science of dentistry.

It will excite their curiosity up to the point where they will come to our offices in the Reed & Barton Building, 320 Fifth Avenue, for proofs, the rest will be easy. (Consultation and examination of teeth absolutely free.)

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Did you ever hear of another dentist who would guarantee to cure it? We never have. The process we use is entirely different from anything ever thought of before.

By it hundreds of patients of ours who have had full sets of artificial teeth, upper and lower, placed in their jaws without plates, which look, feel and are practically NATURAL teeth, will testify that the method we use IS possible and practical and a godsend to a plate victim.

We have overcome the doubts and denials of the sceptics. Every step that science has undertaken has been blocked by the scoffers. But "The World Do Move."

Dental science has advanced slowly; more's the pity, for in no other branch has there been greater need of advancement. Men eat that they may live, but they can't eat without the proper tools.

If you wear a plate and are tired of the miserable thing, and have a few teeth left, WE ARE AT YOUR SERVICE. "Try us and be convinced" is a well worn saying, but it fits this case exactly.

Dr. Martin has published a book, entitled ALVEOLAR DENTISTRY. It is worth reading by anybody, but to one who has teeth trouble is invaluable. If you cannot come to the offices, send for this book, which is free to you. The reading of it has brought us patients from the four corners of this continent.

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